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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.  
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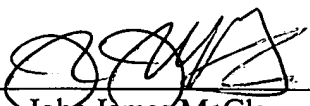
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

The Issue Fee in the present application has been paid. At about the time the Issue Fee was paid, Applicant has received a communication indicating that additional prior art may exist requiring a further Information Disclosure Statement in this case. For this reason, Applicant is requesting continued examination in the form of the attached RCE in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

Accordingly, it is requested that the application be withdrawn from issue and the attached RCE be accepted allowing the opportunity to file a further Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant,

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